

## STENT CRIMPER

### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An apparatus for applying an inward force to a medical device may

5 include at least two independently operable sections. Each section may include a plurality of movable blades arranged to form an aperture or chamber whose size may be varied. Each blade may be pivotally connected to a mount and slidably engaged with a constraining member. The blades are movable so as to allow the aperture to be sized to contain the medical device and to alter the size of the aperture.

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